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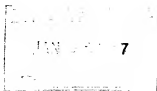


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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/576,812**

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Vibration wave driven apparatus and vibrator

Preliminary Class

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Japan	2004-171641 (Pat.)	09/June/2004	Yes

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